

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A fastening tape for a hygiene item, in particular for a baby diaper or an incontinence ~~diaper~~ pad, having a fastening area for permanent attachment to the hygiene item and having a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a surface of the hygiene item, having a mechanical fastening system comprising two components, and comprising spot-shaped carriers within a carrier area defined by said carriers, which carry a component of the mechanical fastening system and are in turn fastened to a fastening carrier, comprising a bending line running through the carrier area and comprising two areas in ~~whereby~~ the closing area ~~has two areas~~ which carry components of different fastening systems, wherein the one area has a shear-off securing means and the other area has a pop-off securing means, and comprising an edge carrier

which is configured as edge spots, whereby at the same time the edge carrier forms a border of the carrier area along an edge section.

Claims 2-19 (Canceled).

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): ~~The A fastening tape diaper-~~  
~~fastening tape for a hygiene item, in particular for a baby~~  
~~diaper or an incontinence pad mechanical fastening system~~  
~~comprising two components, whereby a fastening carrier having a~~  
~~fastening area for permanent attachment to the hygiene item and~~  
~~having a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a~~  
~~surface of the hygiene item, having a mechanical fastening system~~  
~~comprising two components, and comprising spot-shaped carriers~~  
~~within a carrier area defined by said carriers, which carry has~~  
~~one component of the mechanical fastening system in its carrier~~  
~~area and this component is arranged on an intermediate carrier~~  
~~which is in turn attached to the fastening carrier, comprising an~~  
~~edge carrier which is designed as edge spots (114, 116, 117,~~  
~~118), carries a component (122) of the mechanical fastening~~  
~~system and is~~ are in turn fastened to the fastening carrier ~~(106)~~

comprising a bending line running through within the carrier area  
(112), whereby at the same time it forms a border of wherein the  
carrier area (112) along an edge section (125, 128, 130, 131,  
132, 125A) has a cohesive open adhesive area between the spot-  
shaped carriers.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): ~~The A fastening tape diaper-~~  
~~fastening tape~~ for a hygiene item, in particular for a baby  
diaper or an incontinence pad mechanical fastening system  
~~comprising two components, whereby a fastening carrier having a~~  
~~fastening area~~ for permanent attachment to the hygiene item and  
having a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a  
surface of the hygiene item, having a mechanical fastening system  
comprising two components, and comprising spot-shaped carriers  
within a carrier area defined by said carriers, which carry  
~~earries~~ a component of the mechanical fastening system ~~in its~~  
~~carrier area and this component is arranged on an intermediate~~  
~~carrier which is~~ are in turn attached fastened to the a fastening  
~~carrier, comprising an edge carrier that is designed as an edge~~  
~~spot, carrying a regularly arranged component of the mechanical~~

~~fastening system and being arranged in turn inside wherein a~~  
~~bending line runs through the carrier area, wherein in addition~~  
~~to one or more central spots, one or more on the fastening~~  
~~carrier, whereby at the same time it is designed along an edge~~  
~~section in deviation from the regularity of the arrangement of~~  
~~spots are provided with the mechanical fastening system~~  
components at the tape edge.

Claims 22-28 (Canceled).

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The ~~diaper fastening~~  
fastening tape according to Claim 20, ~~comprising an wherein an~~  
adhesive layer runs right through inside the entire carrier area  
underneath the spot-shaped intermediate carrier so that said  
layer lies open adhesive layer between the spots.

Claim 30 (Canceled).

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): The ~~diaper fastening~~  
fastening tape according to Claim 20, wherein the spots have  
their own main direction of extent, ~~preferably across or normal~~

~~to the longitudinal direction of extent of the diaper fastening tape.~~

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): ~~The diaper fastening A~~  
fastening tape for a hygiene item, in particular for a baby  
diaper or an incontinence pad, having a fastening area for  
permanent attachment to the hygiene item and having a closing  
area for simultaneous detachable joining to a surface of the  
hygiene item, having a mechanical fastening system comprising two  
components, and comprising spot-shaped carriers within whereby  
~~one fastening carrier having a fastening area and a carrier area~~  
defined by said carriers, which carry has a component of the  
mechanical fastening system ~~in its carrier area and this~~  
~~component is arranged on an intermediate carrier which is~~ are in  
turn ~~attached~~ fastened to the a fastening carrier, ~~comprising~~  
wherein a bending line ~~running~~ runs through the carrier area,  
comprising circular spots and at least one semicircular edge spot  
which lies with its chord running through the mid-point of the  
semi-circle along a boundary of the carrier area.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): The ~~diaper fastening~~  
fastening tape according to Claim 32, wherein the bending line  
~~runs~~ lies obliquely or normally to the ~~longitudinal~~  
longitudinal extent.

Claim 34 (Canceled).

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): The diaper-fastening tape  
according to Claim 32, wherein ~~exclusively~~ bending lines run  
exclusively in one direction or at least ~~essentially~~  
substantially in one direction through the carrier area.

Claims 36-39 (Canceled).

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): The ~~diaper fastening~~  
fastening tape according to claim 1, wherein ~~for a mechanical~~  
~~fastening system comprising two components, whereby a fastening~~  
~~carrier having a fastening area and a carrier area carries a~~  
~~component of the mechanical fastening system in its carrier area~~  
~~and this component is arranged on an intermediate carrier which~~  
~~is in turn attached to the fastening carrier, wherein the~~

~~intermediate carrier~~ is ~~designed~~ configured as spots having a varying edge in the machine direction, whereby as seen in the direction of the longitudinal extent of the fastening tape, at least one spot is provided at each level running in the machine direction over the effective width of the carrier area.

Claims 41-43 (Canceled).

Claim 44 (Currently Amended): The ~~diaper fastening~~ fastening tape according to claim 1, wherein ~~for a mechanical fastening system comprising two components, whereby a fastening carrier having a fastening area and a carrier area carries a component of the mechanical fastening system in its carrier area and this component is arranged on an intermediate carrier for the closing system component which is in turn attached to the fastening carrier, wherein the intermediate carrier is formed as a strip shaped spot in its~~ by a separation in a first direction and by an edge variation spaced-apart weakening in a second direction as strip-shaped spots.

Claims 45-52 (Canceled).

Claim 53 (Currently Amended): ~~The tape~~ A strip material having a longitudinal direction of extent which can be divided, ~~preferably without waste,~~ by ~~cutting~~ separating across the longitudinal direction of ~~longitudinal~~ extent and optionally ~~also~~ essentially substantially in the longitudinal direction of ~~longitudinal~~ extent to form individual usages in the form of fastening tapes according to Claim 1, preferably without cutting.

Claim 54 (Currently Amended) ~~The winding~~ A coil, in particular ~~the~~ a roll or reel of a ~~tape~~ strip material according to Claim 53.

Claim 55 (Previously Presented): The diaper having a fastening tape according to Claim 1.

Claims 56-58 (Canceled).

Claim 59 (Currently Amended): The diaper according to Claim 55, wherein ~~the~~ adhesive of the free adhesive layer is selected in the closing area such that the adhesive adheres to a back sheet of the diaper with a separation force of more than



0.05 N/cm<sup>2</sup>, preferably more than 0.1 N/cm<sup>2</sup>, especially preferably more than 0.15 N/cm<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 60 (Canceled).

Claim 61 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A method for closing a ~~diaper for~~ applying and/or disposing of ~~the~~ a diaper according to claim 55, wherein ~~whereby~~ for closing the diaper, a connection is established between a closing area of a diaper-fastening tape on a diaper wing and a landing zone, preferably on a front section, wherein a surface area of a textile back sheet is selected as the landing zone.

Claims 62-63 (Canceled).

Claim 64 (Previously Presented): The method for producing a diaper-fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein at first spots are applied via a plurality of diaper-fastening tapes that are adjacent in the machine direction and then the tapes are separated to yield their final shape.

Claim 65 (Previously Presented): The manufacturing method according to Claim 64, wherein when separating the individual fastening tapes, edge spots extending over a bordering edge are severed.

Claim 66 (New): A fastening tape for a hygiene item, in particular for a baby diaper or an incontinence pad, having a fastening area for permanent attachment to the hygiene item and having a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a surface of the hygiene item, having a mechanical fastening system comprising two components, and comprising spot-shaped carriers within a carrier area defined by said carriers, which carry a component of the mechanical fastening system and are in turn fastened to a fastening carrier, wherein a bending line runs through the carrier area and wherein when viewed from the fastening area, the closing area initially at least partially comprises hooks and otherwise an open adhesive surface.

Claim 67 (New): The fastening tape according to claim 44, wherein the intermediate carrier is completely separated into two or more strips along the first direction, wherein the strips lie parallel to the first direction and substantially parallel to one

another, whereas in the second direction, i.e. along the profile of the strips, these are provided with an edge variation, in particular with weakenings which are spaced apart from one another, preferably regular, in particular with a constriction of the strips, i.e. a tapering in their profile so that defined bending lines are obtained in the first direction, i.e. along the dividing lines of the individual strip-shaped spots and approximately perpendicular hereto, weaker but nevertheless perceptibly broader further bending lines.

Claim 68 (New): A fastening tape for a hygiene item, in particular for a baby diaper or an incontinence pad, having a fastening area for permanent attachment to the hygiene item and having a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a surface of the hygiene item, having a mechanical fastening system comprising two components, and comprising spot-shaped carriers within a carrier area defined by said carriers, which carry a hook component of the mechanical fastening system and are in turn fastened to a fastening carrier, comprising a plurality of spots, in particular edge spots with a sharp-edged edge section.

Claim 69 (New): The fastening tape according to claim 68 comprising separated hooks on the edge section.